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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: FOREIGN MINISTER ON US-BRAZIL

1. OVER PAST TWO DAYS, PRESS HAS CARRIED SCATTERED EXCERPTS FROM TV
INTERVIEW ON PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING VISIT BY FOREIGN MINISTER
SILVEIRA. NO TRANSCRIPT IS AVAILABLE.

2. AS REPORTED IN PRESS, SILVEIRA "MADE CLEAR" THAT INVITATION TO
PRESIDENT CARTER TO VISIT BRAZIL WAS EXTENDED AFTER PRESIDENT
EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO COME. SILVEIRA REPORTEDLY CHARACTERIZED VISIT
AS "ORIGINAL" IN THAT IT WAS NOT FOLLOWING ALL THE STEPS OF
PROTOCOL AND SAID IT WOULD BE "ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL", ADDING THAT
DURING "POLITICAL TREATMENT OF ISSUES, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO WIDEN
CERTAIN AREAS OF COOPERATION." HE SAID THAT "SUCH COOPERATION
BEWTEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS NOW CARRIED ON ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY
THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS." HE REPORTEDLY WENT ON TO SAY THAT "THERE
HAVE NOT BEEN PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION THAT INVOLVE GOVERNMENTAL
RESPONSIBILITIES, AND IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO RETURN TO THIS
PRACTICE...THIS BEING THE CASE, IF THE UNITED STATES ARE
DISPOSED TO COOPERATE, WE ARE DISPOSED TO ACCEPT (SUCH COOPERATION)-
DEPENDING, OF COURSE, ON THE AREA--BECAUSE AT THE OUTSET OF BRAZIL'S
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INDUSTRIALIZATION THAT WAS THE POLICY."

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO WHAT CONCRETE RESULTS COULD BE
EXPECTED DURING VISIT SILVEIRA, NOTING THAT THE LAST VISIT OF AN
AMERICAN PRESIDENT TOOK PLACE ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO (EISENHOWER IN
1960), SAID: "TODAY OUR POINTS OF CONVERGENCE ARE MUCH MORE NUMEROUS
THAN POINTS OF DIVERGENCE. I THEREFORE BELIEVE

THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES NOW HAVE A MATURE, CORRECT DIALOGUE THAT IS CAPABLE OF PRESERVING THAT INVENTORY OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF ONE ANOTHER. BRAZIL CAN NO LONGER FAIL TO SPEAK WITHIN THAT PARAMETER. BRAZIL TODAY IS A COUNTRY PERFECTLY CONSCIOUS OF THAT TO WHICH IT HAS A RIGHT...BRAZIL KNOWS IT STILL HAS MUCH TO TALK ABOUT, THAT IT IS A COUNTRY WITH CERTAIN SERIOUS HANDICAPS, BUT ALSO THAT IT IS NOT INFERIOR TO OTHERS AND WE BELIEVE WE EVEN HAVE CERTAIN QUALITIES THAT ARE BETTER THAN THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES."

3. COMMENT: SILVEIRA'S "CLARIFICATION" OF WHOSE INITIATIVE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE VISIT IS NOT NEW. HE TOOK PAINS TO MAKE THE SAME POINT BEFORE THE VISITS OF MRS. CARTER AND FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER. MOST INTERESTING, HOWEVER, ARE HIS REMARKS ON GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT COOPERATION. SILVEIRA FORESHADOWED POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE OF US PROPOSAL FOR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS. HIS OBSERVATION THAT SUCH PROGRAMS AT THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL NO LONGER EXIST AS "WAS THE POLICY" CAN BE READ AS AN INDIRECT REFERENCE TO THE PHASE-OUT OF USAID. THE QUALIFIER "DEPENDING, OF COURSE, ON THE AREA," WE WOULD TAKE TO EXCLUDE PROGRAMS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD.

4. SILVEIRA'S INDIRECT REFERENCE TO OUR AID PHASE-OUT-- IF THAT IS WHAT IT WAS--IS INTRIGUING IN THAT WE HAVE NOT HEARD HIM MAKE SUCH A REFERENCE IN A LONG TIME
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AND IT IS ALMOST OUT OF CHARACTER. IT IS WORTH NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT PRESUMABLY IN RESPONSE TO A BRAZILIAN INITIATIVE, THE FRG RECENTLY DEPARTED FROM ITS ASSISTANCE POLICY TOWARDS BRAZIL BY GRANTING A \$25 MILLION CONCESSIONAL LOAN FOR THE NORTHEAST.
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